

Christmas Shoppers and Others Should Consult Our Advertising Columns To-Day

HINTS TO SANTA CLAUS.



WHAT SOME WELL-KNOWN INDIVIDUALS WOULD LIKE TO GET FOR CHRISTMAS.

OFFICERS SHOT DOWN IN ALTON.

CHIEF KUHN AND PATROLMAN BUDBE WOUNDED BY BURGLARS.

BUDBE'S INJURIES FATAL.

He Caught Two Colored Housebreakers Who Opened Fire on Him and His Superior.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

ALTON, Ill., Dec. 19.—Chief of Police Jacob Kuhn and Patrolman Budbe were seriously wounded to-night in an attempt to arrest two colored burglars.

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Officer Budbe brought the two men as far as Pleasant and Liberty streets when they began to show fight. Both of them jumped upon Budbe and overpowered him after a hard fight.

Budbe was shot three times, twice in the stomach and once in the groin.

In the midst of the fight Chief of Police Kuhn alighted from a passing street-car and, hearing the cries for help, hastened to Budbe's assistance.

Before the chief had taken ten steps from the car he was struck in the breast with a rock.

Gie drew his revolver and began shooting, but the burglars seemed to be armed too, and they began shooting. Chief Kuhn was struck in the side. It is thought he was not fatally wounded. When both officers fell the negroes separated and each was voted for with full knowledge of the facts by Democrats who did not wish to support the fusion ticket. That's all there is to it!

VOTED FOR JEFF DAVIS.

He is a Live Arkansan and Not the Dead Leader.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Dec. 19.—The Globe-Democrat the other day made merry over an election return from Arkansas, showing that '96 votes had been cast for Jeff Davis.' That was true, but the Globe-Democrat put it in either ignorance or for the purpose of casting an imputation on the intelligence of Arkansans.

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ELOPED FROM SCHOOL.

Edward Thomas and Myrtle Howe Started for Chillicothe.

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CHILlicothe, Mo., Dec. 19.—Edward Thomas and Myrtle Howe, aged 13 and 15 respectively, pupils in the upper school, escaped from their homes near Half Rock, Mo., last night and started to this city to get married.

An uncle arrived here this morning in search of them, but they had not come. All efforts to find a trace of them proved futile.

HIGGINS CONFESSES JUDGMENT.

Ex-Senator From Delaware Embarrassed by Mine.

WILLINGTON, Del., Dec. 19.—Ex-United States Senator Higgins has confessed judgment in favor of William Saulsbury of this city for \$3,000. No account was issued.

The judgment is said to be due to the financial difficulties of the Goldsby Sceptre Mining Company of Quigley, Mont., of which the Senator is a director.

Several Delaware men invested in the mining company and failure to realize resulted in the assignment on Thursday of Quigley and Mullen, wholesale grocers here.

HENRY S. JULIAN.

The New Chief of Police of Kansas City.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—Henry S. Julian has been appointed Chief of Police of Kansas City to succeed Chief Irwin, recently deceased. Mr. Julian is an ex-member of the Legislature and a very acceptable man for the place. He has been identified with the Brown faction of the Democ-

rats.

The chiefs were also ordered to approve no changes or extensive repairs to ships for the present, as it is the duty of the department to get all the commissioned vessels ready for all the yards in order that urgent work may be prosecuted on other vessels, which have been dismantled for thorough overhauling.

This extra work at the navy yards is said

FIRE AT THE PENITENTIARY.

FLAMES BREAK OUT IN THE PRISON AT JEFFERSON CITY.

CONVICTS LIKE MADMEN.

Two Missed After the Inmates of the Burning Building Had Been Moved.

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—At about 11:45 to-night a fire was discovered in the State Clothing Department located in cell building No. 2 of the penitentiary.

It is not known how the fire originated, but it is supposed that one of the convicts set it on fire by placing some shavings under some of the boxes and as he was marching out for supper dropping a lighted match.

At 1 a. m. the fire was still making headway. Fifteen trusted convicts have been released from their cells for the purpose of aiding the city fire department. All of them are working hard in the hopes of being rewarded for their services by a pardon or a commutation of their sentences.

In the transfer of the convicts from the cell building into No. 1 two of the convicts were missed. They cannot get out unless they should happen to get citizens' clothing, which is not likely.

Nobody but persons connected with the prison and press are permitted to enter prison and press are being permitted to enter inside the big gate.

The convicts that are in the cells are acting like madmen, jumping up and down, and yelling loud enough to awaken the dead.

While he never afterward showed any dangerous symptoms, he was never declared insane. During the famous Kansas boom days the man was platted and sold, Lower signing the deeds. He died here last February and at that time was believed "not quite right."

Now comes the widow, the son and the daughter, who claim that since Lower had been declared insane, and was never afterwards declared sane, the deeds to all of the town site of El Dorado are null and void and the property belongs to them. The widow and daughter reside in Hutchinson. Courts in various States have decided that where a man is declared insane and not afterward adjudged sane all his acts of whatever kind have no legal status and on this basis it is believed the plaintiffs have a good case.

The Star Clothing Company, which is located next to the State department, is also on fire, but both the State department and Star Clothing Company will soon be under control.

The foreman of the State department could not be seen, but Mr. George Elston of the Star Clothing Company estimates their loss at about \$1,000, fully covered by insurance.

The damage done to the State department will probably be about \$1,000.

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BUST OF MACEO COMPLETED.

Kuhne Beverage, a Sculptress, Makes a Cast of the Cuban.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The first attempt to immortalize in art the late Cuban General Maceo, has been made by Miss Kuhne Beverage, a young American sculptress, who recently returned from Paris, where she has been studying.

The bust of Maceo was begun a few days ago, but the sculptress worked day and night until it was completed. With little material to work on, a few photographs and the advice and criticisms of a few Cubans she has succeeded in making a most striking portrait of the dead Cuban.

It represents him in his uniform as Major-General of the Insurgent army, his only insignia of office consisting of the tiny stars on the collar of his service jacket.

Miss Beverage has not yet decided what material she will have her finished work produced in, but in all probability she will "cast it," as sculptors term it, and make a large number of casts from the original, which is about one-half life size.

SUIT FOR A WHOLE TOWN.

CLAIM MADE TO THE SITE OF EL DORADO, KAN.

DEEDS SAID TO BE INVALID.

El Dorado, E. L. Lower, claim he was insane when he signed Conveyances.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—Monday there will be filed in the Circuit Court at Wichita, Kan., a suit for the possession of the entire site of El Dorado, Kan., and adjacent land to the value of about half a million dollars. Some of the best lawyers in Kansas City will represent the plaintiffs, and the defense is to be conducted by D. M. Lower, the son, a salesman in a clothing house here, and his daughter.

In 1866 E. L. Lower homesteaded a farm where the town of El Dorado now is. The town grew up to the farm eventually. In 1868 Lower was declared of unsound mind by a jury and was sent to the asylum at Osawatomie. In 1870 he escaped and returned to the farm.

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BOMBS EXPLODED.

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GOULD WEALTH MELTING AWAY.

BIG PROPERTIES OF THE ESTATE FALLING OFF IN VALUE.

MISSOURI PACIFIC'S LOAD.

The Line Said to Have Paid Much Money to Meet Obligations of Branches.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Up and down Wall street there is a strong belief that the Gould fortune, built to its colossal size by Jay Gould, is breaking up at last, and that the properties which delighted his thrifty soul are sinking under a hammering produced by lack of confidence.

These properties are the Wabash, in which the family has a large interest; the Texas Pacific, which it absolutely controls; the St. Louis & Southwestern, known as Eddie Gould's road; the Manhattan Elevated, in which the family has an enormous interest; the Missouri Pacific, controlled absolutely; the St. Louis & San Francisco, in which the family has a large interest; the Western Union Telegraph, on which the family has had its grip for a number of years.

For a long time the public is said to have made emphatic its loss of confidence, and there has been a gradual decline all along the line of the Gould stocks. There has been a tide setting in against them that the bear interest has added its tempest to. In most instances the stocks have been starting and then falling again.

Whether or not this is true may come out soon as an application was made yesterday to the Attorney General to pay back to the company the money paid from the surplus.

The Missouri Pacific has long suffered from bad rumors. All the Pacific systems, controlled by the Goulds, have been in a state of financial trouble for several years, and the last showing of the St. Louis & Southwestern was a poor one.

Eddie Gould is handicapped by his fight with the Diamond Match Co. In the West and other parts of the country, he is said to be the leading manufacturer of matches.

He has hit Mr. Gould where it hurts, and compelled him to sell his pocketbook. He has divided his wealth among his children and has given up his home in New York City and other parts of the country.

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CLEVELAND RUNS THIS COUNTRY.

AND THE CAMERON RESOLUTION IS INNOCUOUS.

SO SAYS SECRETARY OLNEY.

Senators Retort Sharply, While the House Members Are Disposed to Be Conservative.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Cameron resolution, if pressed to final passage in both houses, will constitute a direct and formidable issue between the Executive and legislative branches of the Government. This is clearly indicated by the interview given out to-day by Secretary Olney, who

SOFT SOLDER FROM CASTILLO.

THE SPANISH PREMIER'S CONCILIATORY TALK.

DOES NOT LOOK FOR WAR.

Meantime Spain Is Pushing the Work
on War Ships in Course of
Construction.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—Senor Canovas del Castillo, to-day had a long interview with the Duke of Alba, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Admiral Beranger, Minister of Marine. The subject of the discussion was kept secret, but it is understood that the members of the Spanish Cabinet are considering the introduction in the near future of political and administrative reforms for the colonies of Cuba and Porto Rico. Such reforms, it is believed, will lead to a reconstruction of the Cabinet.

Signor Canovas del Castillo, in an interview, said that he knew yesterday through the Spanish Ambassador to the United States, Minister de Long, that resolution respecting to the independence of Cuba would be adopted by the United States Committee on Foreign Relations. He also said that Congress will eventually pass resolutions of this character. Even though the United States does not yet support the cause of Cuba, the Spanish Ambassador said, the Government of the United States will be compelled to do so, according to the opinion of Senor Olney, who had supported the cause of international law with wisdom. The holiness, he thought, was to be found in the cause of justice.

If, however, the members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate were to vote in favor of the resolution of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Senor Castillo said, he had reason to believe the President of the United States would introduce a very strong bill in Congress for the introduction of resolutions favoring Cuban independence, all of which would take time.

Senor Canovas del Castillo made the significant and important statement during the interview that the Spanish Government, of the belligerency and even the independence of the Cuban insurgents need not necessarily be considered cause, but that nevertheless, through the action on the part of the United States could not fail to have an effect on the Spanish Government. The government of Spain, however, would determine for itself what course to pursue. Energetic action would not be necessary, but it would be necessary to make necessary that the Government's action should not be embarrassed by manifestations of the Spanish Government.

In another interview the President of the Council expressed himself as having confidence in the friendly attitude of the statesmanship of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney and the good sense of the Government of the United States. American people would prevent international war.

Spain, the Premier said, would do its utmost to avoid friction with America, but he was not sure that the Spanish Government could overlook the national dignity of the country, the patriotism of a nation whose people have done so much for the world and records of brave actions, regardless of the consequences. The warlike attitude of the Government, and the attitude of citizens and section of the press, was explicable only in the light of their absolute ignorance of the true nature of the Cuban. According to the Prime Minister, the people of Cuba have always received special favors from the mother country instead of from the United States. If the former administration of Cuba was immoral, continued Senor Canovas del Castillo, it was the result of the Cubans, who received the principal benefit from the dishonesty of Governmental employees from the dishonesty of Governmental employees from the peninsula.

The Government is seriously disposed to gain a satisfactory government of Cuban administration in Cuba, on the submission of the insurgents, he explained. The rebels, he added, do not want reforms but independence. The Spanish Government is evidently when Senator Cameron's resolution pronouncing for the independence of Cuba was introduced, but he said that Spain would succumb rather than give Cuba her independence voluntarily. In conclusion he said that Spain, a powerful nation, will do everything to secure the independence of the Cortes, the Government will instantly summon the members of the Spanish Parliament together and in event of the national struggle, he thought that all Spanish would be compelled to support for the purpose of defending the national honor.

Admiral Beranger, Minister of Marine, said that the Spanish Government, and to all private ship builders to hasten forward to completion all the warships now in course of construction, and advised repatriation to the fleet of all of these orders would be promptly carried out.

Popular excitement because of the reorganization of the Spanish official Committee of the United States Senate continued, but no demonstration against the Americans in this country are reported.

IN MEMORY OF MACEO.

A Patriotic Meeting Held at Chickerin Hall, New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A meeting in memory of the late Gen. Antonio Maceo was held in Chickerin Hall to-night under the auspices of the Fifteen Cuban Societies of New York, about 1,500 persons being present. The greatest excitement prevailed. When the collection boxes were passed women who combed nearly half the hair of the force of the rebels and other relatives of jewelry and threw them in.

The stage was decorated with flags of the United States, the Cuban Republics, the Philippine Republics. The colors of the Philippine Islands were also in evidence. A portrait of Gen. Maceo was placed in the center of the stage. Beneath it were four flaming machetes, bound together with a blue ribbon. Beside it was a wreath of laurel.

On either side were stands of arms, attained by the rebels, bearing the names of "Metropolitano," "Cacachica," and "Cacachica," famous battles won by Maceo over Spanish troops. Many speeches were made by several speakers.

AT THE CUBAN JUNTA.

Perfect Confidence Felt That Victory Will Be Achieved.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The members of the Cuban Junta were in secret session from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4:30 p. m. to-day.

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Men's Pique or Out Seam Street Gloves, \$1.25 and \$1.50 qualities, at 75c

Also a full line of Men's Gloves at \$1.00, \$1.50 and best \$1.75

Ladies' Fancy All-Silk Mittens, that should be \$1.50, will make a splendid present, each pair, in a box, at 89c

4-button length, plain or embroidered backs, all sizes, medium and dark colors; these are regular \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 qualities; the one price for all will be 60c



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Beautifully Hand-painted Hadkerchief Cases, price 75c; worth \$2.25 each.

Hand-painted Photo Frames, 25c each; worth \$1.50.

Hand-Embroidered Picture Frames, price 25c; worth \$1.50.

Hand-painted Toilet Bottles, price 75c; worth \$1.50.

Fancy Hand-painted Baskets, price 25c; worth \$1.50.

A table full of choice and useful Christmas gifts, your choice for 25c, 50c and 75c each.

One job lot of Japanese Piano Lambrequins, Mantel Lambrequins and Table Covers, price \$8.00; worth from \$8.00 to \$15.00.

One lot of Metal Lamp Shades, lined and trimmed, in different shades of silk, price 50c each; worth \$4.00.

PRACTICAL XMAS PRESENTS accessible to all in our WASH FABRICS DEPARTMENT.

A MONGST the brightness and happiness of the Christmas tide, stern necessity often hides its head. Practical Gifts, such as QUILTS AND BLANKETS, may be just what is needed.

Crochet Quilts for full size beds, made from fine Egyptian Cotton, fine eraser patterns, and best washable goods, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 ready for use; at \$60, \$75, \$90, \$105 and \$125 a dress.

700 dress patterns fine 32-inch English Cambrics, for maids and house wear, 12x14 a yard, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

1,000 dress patterns, Koechin's French Satin, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 a dress.

2,000 pieces Apronets, Apron Ginghams and Quilts, at \$1 a yard, value to cost next month, 75c.

450 pieces Book-fold Scott Apron Ginghams, until Christmas, \$1.25 a yard; \$1.75 pieces 36-inch Boucle Suiting, heavy, soft and warm, and resembles fine wool dress goods, 16c a yard.

DO NOT FORGET OUR BARGAINS IN BED BLANKETS.

Western made Blankets, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 to \$3.00.

Calico Blankets, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 to \$10 a pair.

North Star Woolen Mills Blankets, for home, well secured and high grade of Blankets, we claim no equal.

Down Quilts, our own manufacture, well made, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 each.

Lace Bed Sets for full size beds, \$1.50, \$1.75 to \$2.50 each.

Genuine Antoinette Lace Bed Sets, half price, \$1.50, \$2.00 each.

Marie Antoinette and Irish Point Lace Bed Sets, half price, \$1.50, \$2.00 each.

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RACE TRACK GAMBLING.

The Post-Dispatch is in receipt of a number of letters harshly criticizing the decision of the Supreme Court in the Walsh pool gambling case. One of these letters asks the editor of the Post-Dispatch to denounce this decision as a blow at a favorite St. Louis institution, the annual Fair.

The Post-Dispatch declines to make the denunciation. It believes the decision of the Supreme Court to be in accordance with the heads in the Executive and Legislative Departments. Secretary Olney seems determined to force it, and has brought it forward in the most offensive manner.

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OLNEY RAISES A GREAT ISSUE.

Secretary Olney's interview, given out by the Press Association on Saturday, is without doubt the most extraordinary utterance that has been made by a Cabinet officer in the entire history of the Government. It makes formal announcement to Congress of the conclusion that the Executive Department of the Government will totally ignore the proposed action of the Legislative Department on a vital public question.

He makes this announcement in the absence of the President, and in advance of action by the Senate and House.

The issue thus cavalierly raised by Secretary Olney involves a constitutional question of the first importance. Have the people, acting through their representatives in the National Congress, any control over the relations of this Government with foreign Governments, or is this momentous power vested solely in the President, without restriction of any kind? Secretary Olney claims that it is strictly a prerogative of the President and that any attempt by Congress to direct the action of the Government is an encroachment upon Executive authority.

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IMMIGRATION.

The Lodge bill, just passed by the Senate, placing obstacles in the way of the heretofore almost unrestricted immigration from foreign countries, will beyond doubt prove a popular measure. In fact, the large majority which it obtained in the Senate could have been obtained only under the pressure of a strong popular demand.

This demand has been gaining strength for ten years past. It was the natural almost instinctive outcome of conditions brought about by the persistent protective tariff legislation since the war. The workingmen of the country saw high—in many cases practically prohibitory—in port duties levied upon the products of foreign labor. These taxes were avowedly put into effect for the protection of American labor—to give it the control of the "home market."

At the same time they saw the doors of the country flung wide open in welcome to these foreign laborers, who came in at the rate of hundreds of thousands per annum to compete in the home market with home labor. They saw as the result of this wages crowded incessantly downward, nearer and nearer to the foreign standard.

With the tomato heart, the bicycle cancer and the many other perils that are alleged to environ the human being to the death, we should be thankful that the mortuary reports are not fatter than they are.

CONCERNING "AGITATION."

Since the close of the recent campaign gold standard organs and leaders have declared any defense of bimetallism a useless and dangerous form of "agitation." In the face of the six and a half million supporters of Mr. Bryan they have insisted that the question was definitely settled in the late election and denounced further controversy as a menace to business.

The most conclusive answer to this argument is furnished by those who made it. During the campaign one of the most active agencies in support of the single gold standard was the New York Reform Club. It was the medium for the preparation, publication and distribution of Republican campaign literature. Since the election the Reform Club continues business at the old stand. It has been sending out of course to the newspapers as will receive it, columns of prepared plate matter discussing the financial question, and its latest circular letter to publishers, under date of December 11, it announces that "so long as a considerable minority of our citizens are not certain that our present standard of value is superior, this

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MOODY AND YVETTE.

In a recent interview the Evangelist Moody criticized a song which Yvette Guilbert sang a day or two before. Mr. Moody is not sure that the song is immoral, but he objects to it. He says his audience would not let him read more than four lines when he was talking about these songs. The song is by John Rechpin, and the English of it reads as follows:

There once was a lad—alack for his lot!

Who loved one who loved him not! She said to him, "Go bring to my feet Thy mother's heart for my dog's meat. Get thee hence; say her; now wait!"

As he ran he fell to the ground, And in the clay the heart rolled round. As the heart rolled round in the clay The heart spoke, and he heard it say— "Hast hurt thyself, my dear? O my dear!"

As Mr. Moody truly says, the fourth line of this is terrible. The entire song is terrible. It is a ghastly picture, sketched by the hand of a merciless master. But in shutting him off at the dreadful fourth line, Mr. Moody's audience missed the powerful moral lesson conveyed by the song as a whole, and condemned it as immoral without hearing its lesson.

Coarse and repulsive as the picture is, what a tribute to mothers' love! Its last two lines contain! The song shocks, but is not the vice of filial ingratitude and the crime of matricide it condemns shocking, and ought not a picture of such vices and crimes to be powerful and shocking?

The poet chose dreadful language and terrible imagery to depict dreadful crimes. Mr. Moody missed the opportunity of calling attention to the lesson conveyed in this poem when he allowed his audience to close their ears to it because of its appalling language.

The fair students of the Baltimore Woman's College have been discussing, without reaching a conclusion, the resolution "that all bachelors 30 years of age shall be subject to a tax; that such tax shall be 5 per cent of the annual income of every bachelor from 30 to 35 years old; 10 per cent of the income of every bachelor from 35 to 40 years old, and 15 per cent of the income of every bachelor from 40 to 45 years old, and so on in an increasing ratio." Should the bachelors be subjected to such taxation, it might not be long until the widowers also would have to pay for freedom. And why do we hear nothing of taxing those progressive women who pass through leap year earning almost as much money as a man and who make no effort to change their health?

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THE PASSING SHOW.

THE man who is mistaken for a burglar is in evidence in all directions. He has a genuine grievance.

There are many people outside of the penal and charitable institutions who will not have turkey this year.

MEN OF MARK.

Sir Walter Besant has been devoting his time of late to writing a volume of drawing room plays.

Monsignore Capel, who was a familiar figure some years ago, is reported to have grown rich on the ranch in California which he bought when he left New York.

Professor Charles Lane Poor, of Johns Hopkins University, has just finished a construction of an equatorial telescope which he will take with him to the North next summer in order to photograph the stars.

A monument in memory of Father Seochi, the former director of the College Romano Observatory, has been erected at Reggio (Emilia), where he was born. The sum of 200 francs was publicly subscribed for this purpose.

Macroe's face had the coloring that is known at dry goods counters as cafe au lait. Though he was a teamster in his youth and never possessed any advantages of education, his manners were so good as to excite comment in strangers.

After having a number of articles accepted by Eastern magazines, Will N. Harben, the Southern story writer, wrote to the editor of one to ask why nothing of his was published. The editor's answer was: "There is a conspiracy here to hold your articles until you are dead, as they would naturally have greater interest then. How is your health?"

WOMEN OF NOTE.

Dickens' daughter has completed a book called "My Father as I Knew Him," which will be published soon.

One of the few women bank presidents is Mrs. D. H. Marsh of Croton, N. Y., who began by being a director and stockholder in the First National Bank of that town, and was upon the death of her husband, chosen president in his place.

Queen Victoria's coronation ring is never out of her sight, and is worn by her every evening. It is a band of gold containing 20 carats in rubies surrounded by white brilliants. The coronation ring is supposed to symbolize the wedding of the sovereign with the nation.

A Rockland (Me.) woman, who sings finely, has developed a very strange accomplishment—that of singing duets, carrying two separate and distinct parts. The first part is sung in the ordinary voice, while the second part, which is produced by a contraction of the cheeks, is low but very distinct.

Miss Edith Lyman, who, rumor has it, is engaged to Chancery Me. Depew, and that the engagement was broken by him, is in Paris, and it is announced that she is to marry Reddy Bee, son of a Turkish Count and Cousin of State in the Turkish Embassy at Rome. The young woman is said to have \$7,000,000.

SMILES BETWEEN SERMONS.

"Shyboy, what made you change your boarding-house?" "Why, my landlady gave me a mustache cup with 'Love the giver' on it."—Detroit Free Press.

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The University foot ball team instead of getting back to Columbia for their studies, are off playing hooky. They are gone to Texas and Mexico and nobody knows where they will be back or what may happen to them. Our educational institutions are doing a great work for foot ball when even the boundaries of this country cannot hold our studious young athletes.

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The Washington Post asks that dancing be omitted at the Presidential inauguration, as a distinct draw-back to the beauty of the occasion. Perhaps the Post is right. The nation has grown and the capital has grown with it. It is likely enough that the ballet supplies all the artistic talents of the country.

The general verdict is that woman in the theater with her hat off is an improvement every way on the woman with her hat on. It is strange that women have not before realized how prettily they can arrange their "crown of glory" and how much of their beauty and sweetness have been hidden by a senseless fashion.

Bob Ingersoll's scialtes came near solving the school problem for him. It would be rough on the "pagan" lecturer if he were to pass out and then want to come back and materialize in order to warn his fellow-scholars of all that he did not know about what he was on earth.

As the little boy was asked the other day what was meant by "a sense of omission," and he responded without any cause or hesitation: "The sins we have forgotten to commit."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

"We see that corn-husking parties are fashionable in society this season," said the typewriter boarder. "I guess that is only another way of describing the Knipper fad," said the Cheerful Idiot.—Indianapolis Journal.

CHINNIE FADDEN IN CHURCH.

From the Poets' Journal.

"My folks are always 'roasting' me about singing," said a man well known about town, "and it did me good when I heard one of their fashionable lady friends yesterday church use a regular 'Chinnie Fadden' expression. The church was rapidly filling up down stairs, and there was a scramble for seats in the gallery. An elegantly dressed lady looked up at the gallery, and, turning to her companion, said: 'Say, look at the gang in the gallery.' I felt like saying 'hot stuff.'

ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

From the New York Press.

The most beautiful and touching story of war was told by a private in the Northern Army. When he was asked how he got down to sleep, When morning came this private was the first to awaken and sit up. The earth was covered with snow. Not a man was to be seen. The ground seemed covered with corpses. But gradually the men bedizened themselves, and, as they slowly arose from their beds, all white, the scene was like a resurrection.

PREACHING AND PRACTICE.

From the Ram's Horn.

Perhaps the world could have been saved without preaching, but not without holy living.

A REFLECTION.

Written for the Post-Dispatch.

This is the book's o'er us so oft we ponder.

In those delightful days When, hand in hand with Fancy bright, we wandered.

In quiet ways.

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TOYS

Only four days more to sell them. None will be carried over if low prices will sell the stock.



Drums

For the boys—we are overstocked with \$12.25 and \$15.00 drums to clear them out, your choice. 89c Monday.



Wheelbarrows—Of Iron and wood, 75c down to each.

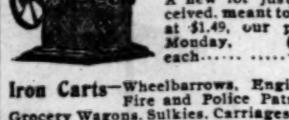


Steam Engines—Solid brass bellows; a real working model, from \$2.00 as low as 10c each.

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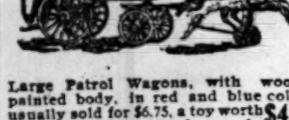
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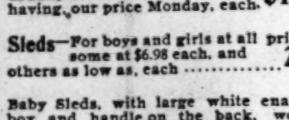
Iron Carts—Wheelbarrows, Engines, Fire and Police Patrols, Grocery Wagons, Fire Wagons and Chariots, Monday, \$1.98 and as low as. 98c



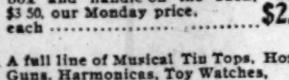
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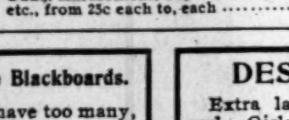
Pianos—A great assortment, at the following prices: according to size and quality, \$12.98, \$4.98, having, our price Monday, each. 19c and as low as. 19c



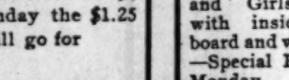
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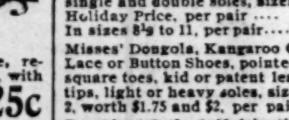
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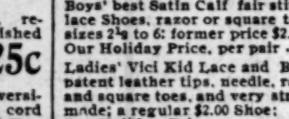
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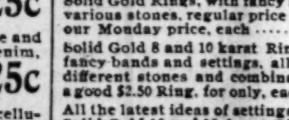
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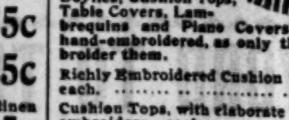
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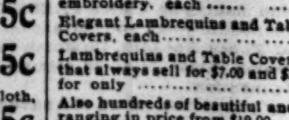
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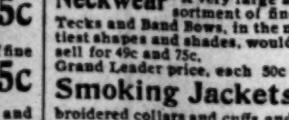
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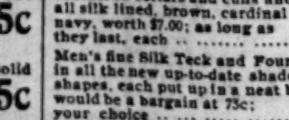
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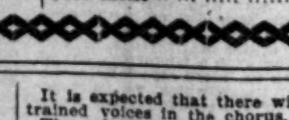
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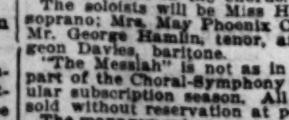
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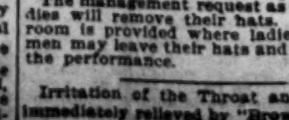
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THE MANNER OF MACEO'S DEATH.

DR. ZERTUCHA RELATES IT TO A
HERALD CORRESPONDENT.

SAYS HE TRIED TO HELP HIM.

Gomez Came Up and Assisted the Surgeon to Throw the Body on a Horse.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Herald has the following in this regard:—

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 19, via Key West, Dec. 13.—I talked with Dr. Zertucha to-day, on whom shoulder Maceo's hand rested affectionately at Punta Brava, according to his story, when Maceo fell. He said:

"I will write out the facts for you."

"Oh, no."

"How far were you from Maceo when he was shot?"

"It was at his side. He had just said to me, 'The General is dying well.' He had hardly uttered the words when he was shot in the face and fell from his horse.

He lay writhing in agony. He could not speak. He was choking, with the blood pouring down his throat. I tried to relieve him, but in a few moments he was dead. Not being shot myself was good fortune."

"Where was Gomez all this time?"

"Gomez was not with us when Maceo fell. He rode up, his right arm shattered by a rifle ball, while I was bending over the body."

"My God, is that Maceo's body?" he cried.

Satisfied that Maceo was dead, he helped me throw the body on a horse, but at the moment the Spaniards fired another volley toward us.

A ball pierced Gomez's side, breaking his other arm. I sprang on a horse, saying "The General is dead," and tried to lift Gomez up from the ground.

"I will stay with Maceo," he replied.

I put spurs to the horse and fled. We were in an enclosure surrounded by a fence, but rode through a gate and joined Diaz, and, after no time to fight the Spaniards, I rode off and I believe it Gomez saw three guerrillas approaching and killed himself with the knife mentioned as Maceo's."

"You do not know where the bodies were buried."

"No, but Pedro Diaz does, and so does his officers."

Zertucha says he has his passport and is going to Spain by the first steamer of the French line. I believe either Zertucha betrayed Maceo or he is Maceo's agent, commissioned by him to go to New York or Paris.

THE EMPEROR'S CHRISTMAS.

William Will Spend the Holidays With His Family and Distributes Presents.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Intense dissatisfaction has been aroused throughout the country by the refusal of the Government to accept amendments to the court's reorganization bill, which resulted in its entire rejection. The Reichstag's labor for a couple of years is thus destroyed.

The bill was the result of demands made by the courts, lawyers and people alike for many years to abolish certain hardships, especially in the shape of inadequate safeguards for defendants in criminal cases and defects in the criminal code and court procedure.

The Government insisted upon the introduction of fresh legislation and a liberal compromise in extending the bill. One of the most objectionable proposals of the Government provided for the imprisonment of offenders for the first offense in event of their refusal to disclose the authorship of articles. The Government declined to assent to the granting of compensation to those who received a sentence.

Incidentally the fall of the court bill has deprived Herr Böbel of his chance of raising a new bill to meet the demands of the Reichstag. A lot of sensational material which he will be unable to use until the second reading of the bill will be available for discussion in the Diet on the police estimates. Both the Reichstag and the Diet have adjourned for the holidays. The Diet will reassemble on Jan. 8 and the Reichstag on Jan. 12.

SOCIETY IN ODD COSTUMES.

Novel Entertainment Given in a New York Studio.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Artist James L. Breeze and his wife entertained members of the "609" on Thursday night at another of their "fancy dress" parties well known in New York. The guests were requested to wear costumes, and much time and thought were expended.

The guests were among the most thoughtful people of the real Bohemia—artists, actors and society people who are really clever. They came with their wives and

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

No One Can Remain Well, No Chronic Disease Can Be Cured Unless the Stomach Is First Made Strong and Vigorous.

This is plain because every organ in the body depends on the stomach for its nourishment. Nerve, bone, sinew, blood are made from the food which the stomach converts to our use.

How useless to treat disease with this, that and the other remedy and neglect the most important of all, the stomach.

The symptoms of indigestion are sour risings, heat in the mouth, gas in stomach and bowels, indigestion, all gone feeling, faintness, headaches, constipation; later comes loss of flesh, kidney disease, nervous prostration, all of which are the indirect result of poor nutrition.

Any person suffering from indigestion should make it a practice to take after each meal one of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, allowing it to dissolve in the mouth and then to swallow with the saliva and enter the stomach in the most comfortable way. These Tablets are highly recommended by Dr. Jennison because they are composed of the natural digestive acids and fruit essences which assist the stomach in digesting all wholesome food before it has time to ferment and sour.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold by druggists, full sized packages at 50 cents. They are also excellent for invalids and children. A book on stomach diseases, and thousands of testimonials of genuine cures sent free by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

daughters. Before midnight the rooms were crowded.

The costumes were of many sorts and varieties. Mr. Breeze was dressed in the robes of Sultan. Mr. and Mrs. Standard White and Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Hewitt, as members of the Salvation Army, made their presence known.

Mrs. Pierre Lorillard Ronalds wore the simple gown of a school girl and carried a bundle of sun bonnets. Mr. John Cowen, dressed in a flowing red coat, John Cowen, the picture of the "Girl from Paris," as seen on conceptional billboards. Mr. Duncan Campbell, in the role of King Kamehameha.

The large room of the studio was beautifully decorated. The walls were covered with many posters of the most interesting exhibits in that line seen in this country.

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\$1.65
INFANTS' SOFT SOLES, All colors, 45c
INFANTS' KID AND PATENT LEATHER, 45c, 65c, 85c, \$1.10



Misses' Box Calf, - - \$1.60, \$1.85, \$2.15
Misses' Kid, - - \$1.25, \$1.60, \$1.85, \$2.25
Misses' Tan, - - \$1.45, \$1.60, \$1.85



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Gentlemen's Cordovan, \$4.45, \$4.95, \$5.45
Gentlemen's Patent Leather and Enamel, \$2.65, \$3.35, \$4.35, \$5.45

T. J. REID SHOE CO., 411 N. BROADWAY.

New Suits.

James McAndrew filed suit for \$5,100 damages against the St. Louis & Suburban Railway Co. in the Circuit Court yesterday. He said that while driving in a wagon the twenty-second of October, 1896, his wagon was struck by a St. Louis streetcar, demolishing it and injuring his team, while he was thrown to the ground. A portion of his team was dislodged and his team was injured.

Franklin F. Williams sued Gustav Andrew for \$1,740 commissions alleged to have been received by him for soliciting orders for a patent drug shutter.

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EAST ST. LOUIS.

Chief George O. Purdy of the Fire Department has begun to arrange for the ninth annual convention of the Illinois Firemen's Association, to be held in East St. Louis on April 14 and 15. The Association has made a rate of one and one-third fare to all desiring to attend the convention and has arranged for a large number of hotel rooms for the occasion.

The Association is the largest of a similar character in the world, and it is expected that 300 delegates will be in attendance. The Association is composed of representatives of manufacturers of fire apparatus from various sections of the country. The St. Louis convention will be held by the Association as the most desirable point in the State to hold the convention and President M. J. O'Farrell, Mount Pulaski and Secretary E. W. Barkin of Dubuque, Iowa, has informed Chief Purdy that every effort is being made to secure the largest attendance possible.

A large number of important papers pertaining to fire matters will be read, and fire committees by towns are to be re-organized. The Revision Committee has prepared an exhaustive report to be presented to the convention for open discussion.

Chairman Statesman, on the Committee on Topics, has secured a report that he has secured several leading writers for the occasion.

As the members who are attending the intention of attending at least one day are Fire Marshal Purcell of Dublin, Ireland; Commissioner Schneider of St. Louis; Commissioner Tracy of St. Paul; Commissioner of the State Fire Marshal's Office of the State of Illinois; Chairman of the Legislative Committee; Chief Swingley and ex-Chief John Linderman of Chicago; Fire Marshal of Kansas City and Chief Swenie of Chicago; Chief Wilmarth of Topeka, Kan., is slated to speak.

Chief George O. Purdy of the Fire Department is holding the next tournament and a vast amount of routine business will be attended to. During the tournament the visitors will be entertained at a grand banquet and ball in Music Hall, the time not yet having been fixed.

The cantata of "Santa Claus on Time" will be given by the First Baptist Church on Christmas Eve by the members of the church.

Miss Lizzie Hulley of Jellico, Tenn., is visiting Lieutenant and Mrs. Bob Monroe of visiting Lieutenant and Mrs. Bob Monroe of

Miss Edna Vance of Pennsylvania avenue will spend the holidays in St. Louis.

Miss Bertha Adams of North Ninth street is visiting relatives in Cahokia.

Mr. W. H. Harper of North Seventh street has returned from a week's visit to friends in St. Louis.

Prof. John Bishophorn, the newly appointed Superintendent of Schools, will remove his family to East St. Louis, living at 3500 Rock road.

Prof. J. F. McCullough, late Superintendent of Schools, will remove to Chicago this Tuesday evening.

Mr. W. H. Harper of North Seventh street was cared for by the family of Lieut. Monroe until she could secure a permanent abode, has secured a good home with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schleicher, living at 3500 Rock road.

City Attorney W. H. Bennett and his attorney, Mr. C. E. Hiltz, will appear in the Circuit Court at Belleville to recover \$1,000 attorney's fees against the St. Louis & Belleville Rapid Transit Company.

The same amount is due Messrs. Bennett and Hunt for preparing ordinances submitted on several occasions recently to the East St. Louis City Council

asking the granting of a right of way for street railroad tracks through the city to connect with a projected electric line from St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have been superseded in the matter by another attorney, Mr. Tausig, George D. Tausig, Young, collected by the authorities on suspicion that he is wanted for crookedness at Vincennes, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kraft of Baugh avenue left Saturday to spend the holidays with the parents of Mrs. Kraft in Helena, Ark.

BELLEVILLE NEWS.

Chief George P. Purdy of the Fire Department was fined \$2 and costs in Justice Ward's court for drunk and disorderly conduct.

Chief Purdy, being claimed at by Officer W. W. Miller, was held on a \$1000 bond.

On account of the arrest Purdy brought suit against the Circuit Court against the State Auditor, Mr. W. H. Purcell, for \$5,000 damages.

The case was tried yesterday before "Squire" Ward.

"Squire" Ward was a move on the bench.

He gave notice that he will take an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Woman's Relief Corps, G. A. R., elected the following officers Saturday:

Chairman, Mrs. Harry Evans; President, Mrs. Henrietta W. W. Barker; Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Heinzmann; Junior Vice-President; Mrs. Margaret Owen; Chaplain; Mrs. Carrie Alexander; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Monmouth; Chairman of the Legislative Committee; Chief Swingley and ex-Chief John Linderman; Fire Marshal, Mrs. Anna Huber; Guard; Mrs. Sarah Henkemeyer, Assistant Guard; Delegate to the National Encampment, Mrs. Mary Heinzmann; Almoner, Mrs. Lorraine.

Miss Lizzie Hulley, Mrs. Lillie Rogers, and Mrs. Anna Huber were elected to the County Council.

County Clerk Thomas and are as follows:

Misses' Scout..... 27,288.50

Misses' Shiloh Valley..... 9,197.83

O'Fionn..... 10,778.45

Misses' C. C...... 9,197.83

Caseyville..... 9,548.26

Stookey..... 7,817.24

Concordia..... 7,834.72

Centerville Station No. 2..... 20,722.55

Stites..... 25,269.92

Engelmann..... 5,515.06

Marissa..... 7,817.42

Freeburg..... 10,548.24

Lemont..... 7,817.42

McGraw..... 3,333.39

Millstadt..... 5,402.53

Sugar Loaf..... 11,927.70

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West St. Louis No. 2..... 33,268.62

Railroads..... 165,206.26

Telegraph and Telephone..... 1,187.26

Total..... \$249,417.07

Chief Knapel will publish a morning paper at 10 a. m. He is associated with Misses' Schwarz.

Burgars visited the homes of Herman Julian, Wm. Wagner, Anton Ehrhardt and

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AT THE MERCY OF HUMAN FIENDS.

STORY OF A LONE GIRL IN A SINFUL CITY.

IN TEMPTATION'S DRAG NET.

Nellie Coleman Escapes the Clutches of Texas Divekeepers, Who Recruit Girls Here.

This is the story of a human stray. She drifted into this big city as a pure white flower finds its way down the black currents to a foul cesspool. It is the story of a woman with a child's heart—tenderly beautiful as the flowers, lighthearted as the birds—a child of nature, full of human impulse, strong in capacity for joy, seeing evil in nothing, for the shadows of sin had not blighted her soul.

Good Shepherd sisterhood, came to America and was stationed in the convent at St. Louis, Mo., and later transferred to California. Sergeant Coleman was attached to the Fifty-eighth Battalion Royal Irish Lancers, and followed his regiment to Egypt. For four years Nellie lived in the quaint old town of Cairo and Alexandria. Returning home the regiment stopped at Gibraltar. Here the Carl Rose Opera troupe came down to play a season for their compatriots. Nellie was 14 years old at the time, and a child so beautiful that even amid the dark-eyed señoritas of the tropical town men marked her exquisite delicacy of face and form. She was hardly an Irish beauty, though she favored her mother's race. Her hair was a tantalizing shade of golden blonde, it neither waved nor curled, but clustered in delicate masses about features that seemed husked out of the translucent marble of her skin. Her eyes were shadowy hazel. Her lips like two ripe cherries burst apart in laughter to reveal her white Irish teeth. She was weirdly beautiful, men said, and her eyes gave form to the thought, for in that land of the sun where passion is a prerogative of youth, she gave no inkling that she was a creature of flesh and blood. Her manner was as striking as her face. One's

breath of free air. She did not know why, but the narrowness of the town stifled her. She had little consolation from her mother. Religious prejudice ran as strong in the woman's blood as maternal instinct and she could not hide it from her child. Nellie wanted to be some place where her honest would not be at a discount. It was a terrible alternative, but she had to leave home. She thought of America. Her sister was over here. California and New York conveyed no terrifying sense of distance to her unsophisticated little head. She had an uncle in Decatur, Ill. She would go to him. She was not afraid of the future. With a stout heart she bade her mother good-bye. At Southampton she met her brother, the Jesuit priest. He gave her the money for her passage. Like thousands of her brave countrywomen she made her way westward across the ocean, to the land of the west, to the continent, to her uncle's home in Illinois.

She had big thoughts in her head on the long journey, but she lived on hope. The arrival in Decatur brought the first disenchantment. Her uncle was strangely poor and American. At home he had been a merchant tailor, barely eking out a living. His wife was a simple, kindly woman, but she would not be. Employment was not to be had in the little town. Her thoughts turned to the big city. St. Louis had once been her sister's home. She could feel on good terms with the place. She almost anticipated a welcome here. Anyhow, she would be an alluring and strong woman. The terrible sense of loneliness and helplessness that had come to her as she wandered the first day through the roar of New York City had gone. Her heart told her to go to her sister's friends. So she thought and she made up her mind to come, but how to come? That was the question.

Once the question solved itself. She read in the advertising columns of a St. Louis paper:

WANTED—Soubrettes for traveling company: liberal salary, must be prepared to go on the road at once. Simpson's Theatrical Agency, 12 S. 15th st., St. Louis.

She ran gleefully to her uncle. He read the notice and frowned. "Go on the stage in America. You might as well go straight to hell." He told her that it was impossible to have his reasons in a plain, blunt way. She felt he was as bad as the Belfast people. His reasons did not frightened her. She had been a soubrette before. She had heard the same vituperation and she thought his words had as little foundation as the scowls of his friend had.

So she came in, in a convincing way that he wrote to the theatrical agency.

It was a compromise between his conscience and his pocketbook.

He told her to break the girl to his wishes. He thought a touch of poverty would bring her to her senses, and he bided his time.

Mr. Ray Simpson, telling Miss Coleman that an engagement was awaiting her. She packed her trunk. Her uncle bought her a ticket, gave her \$2 and put her on her way.

Wednesday night, five weeks ago, Nellie stepped from the train at Union Station, a stranger in a strange town. She passed from the glare of the midway into the darkness of the city and the shadows of her life closed in about her.

Simpson's Theatrical Agency, at 12 South Fifteenth street, is located in what was once a steel-mill, and the days of the city's youth. It has now no more of the old decays and simpsons' signs have given a touch of class to the graceful old building. His office is on the second floor of the first landing. There are tenants on the ground floor, for it is built after the French fashion, and a room for the comedy an old music teacher occupies the second suite above. In the hallway there is a big blackboard screen which will take up for display in the theatrical agency session, after the manner of labor agency signs. The mirror in the hall tree is ob-

scured by a lengthy notice to actors and managers.

The front room is used as an office. The room is large and airy, with a double desk and an alcove for a typewriter. The room has an untidy but businesslike appearance. The second floor is Ray Simpson's studio, for besides being a theatrical agency this is also a school of acting and young Ray Simpson trains young actors and actresses, and the girls who think he does, and pay him for it. The studio is more unkempt than the office. It is a room in which he sleeps, and a sofa is the only furniture, except for a few chairs, a dresser and a sofa lounge. It is Prof. Ray Simpson's workshop, by which he sleeping apartment due to the place she was accosted by a young man. He insisted he knew her. She was positive he did not. No sooner had he heard her soft voice than he knew he was in for trouble, and he persisted he had met her across the room. Her simplicity was a poor match for his experience, and he had his back. These were black, bitter days for the comedy little girl, whose hopes were so high when she left Ireland for the new world, but the darkest shadows had not yet fallen.

One afternoon, about two weeks ago, Nellie went to the Post-office in the hope of finding a letter from her mother.

The postman, a young man, was the first to speak to her. He was a good boy, and she liked him.

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BOY—Wanted, by boy of 18, situation as elevator boy; have experience. Add. M 195, this office.

BOY—Wanted, situation by strong boy of 15 in store or some business, with a chance to advance. L. Jacobs, 1506 Agnes.

BOY—A boy of 16 wishes situation in dry goods store or office. Chas. Flingard, 4128 Easton av., room.

BOY—A strong boy wants to learn the harness-making trade; has had some experience. Ad. F. Schell, 3803 Lucy st.

BARTENDER—A young German of 19 wishes a position as bartender; has had experience; city references. Add. C 198, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, good bookkeeper, entry clerk and expert at figure dealing; a position in any clerical capacity; present employees retiring from business; best references. Add. O 193, this office.

BUTCHER—Situation wanted as butcher or meat cutter; 2 years' experience; will guarantee satisfaction; sober. Ad. F. H. Eilenbaum, Nevada.

BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, as book-keeper, for a good business; can give good references. Add. S. Scruggs, 1519 Ellicott.

CARPENTER—Foreman; able to make plans, wants some employment; is strictly sober. Add. R 201, this office.

COLLECTOR—Wanted, position as collector for time payment house; have first-class references and bond. Add. R 202, this office.

COACHMAN—Wanted, by a first-class carpenter repairing furniture; good work; \$10 per day, or by job. Add. C. 3454 Lindell av.

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ADAMS ST. 2223.—Two rooms, \$5, or four rooms, \$11; water in kitchen.	
BERNARD ST. 2727.—Housekeeping rooms, furnished complete; southern exposure; \$7 monthly.	
BROADWAY, 708 S.—4 large unfurnished rooms, on first floor; also other rooms cheap.	
BARTER AV. 6205A.—4 rooms and hall, with all conveniences; cheap.	
BALDWIN ST. 2621 AND 2623.—To colored people, rooms, parlor, kitchen, yard; \$6 and \$7 per month. Apply on premises.	
BROADWAY, 621 S.—Two nice rooms, first floor, furnished or unfurnished.	
BIDDLE ST. 1424.—Furnished room for light housekeeping; in private family; all conveniences.	
BROADWAY, 710 S.—Nicely furnished room and bath; \$2.50 per week; suitable for 2; \$1.50 per week.	
LEONARD AV. 250.—Between Lucas and Washington; well-furnished room; heat; all conveniences necessary to comfort and convenience, including moderate rent, to be had at above number.	
LA CLÉDE AV. 2715 N.—Large second-story room for light housekeeping, furnished or unfurnished; also single room; \$6 per month.	
JEFFERSON AV. 238 S.—Nicely furnished room, complete for housekeeping; single or en suite.	
OLIVE ST. 3108.—2d-story front room, with or without board, in private family.	
JEFFERSON AV. 223 S.—Nicely furnished room; also other rooms for gentlemen and light housekeeping.	
OLIVE ST. 3000.—Opposite Hotel Beers—Rooms, single or en suite.	
OLIVE ST. 1015.—Large hall room.	
OLIVE ST. 3011.—Two rooms, furnished or unfurnished, in private family.	
OLIVE ST. 250.—Large nicely furnished front room; furnace heat; all accommodations.	
OLIVE ST. 3004.—Nicely furnished parlor and 2d-story front room.	
OLIVE ST. 2582.—2 large rooms, complete for light housekeeping; rent \$10.	
OLIVE ST. 2018.—Furnished rooms, with heat; \$2 per week.	
WASHINGTTON AV. 2645.—Large and small front and back rooms; hot bath and gas.	
OLIVE ST. 2645.—2d-story front room; all conveniences; \$12.	
WASHINGTTON AV. 2125.—Furnished rooms and board; \$2 per week.	
OLIVE ST. 3018.—Nicely furnished room with heat; \$2 per week.	
WASHINGTTON AV. 2103.—Large front room, 1st floor, unfurnished; for light housekeeping.	
OLIVE ST. 250.—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping; \$1.25 per week and up.	
PINE ST. 2117.—Nicely furnished back parlor, with privileges.	
PINE ST. 709.—Doubtful room; for one; \$1.50; for 2 persons; \$2; center of business section.	
PAPIN ST. 1422.—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping; also side entrance; keys at 217 S. Jefferson.	
OLIVE ST. 2020.—Nicely furnished second-story front room; furnace heat; hot bath; every convenience.	
LUCA'S AV. 3406.—One or two nice rooms, furnished for gent.; reference required.	
OLIVE AV. 2702.—Two nicely furnished rooms for light housekeeping; in private family; all conveniences.	
LA CLÉDE AV. 2844.—2d-story front room for light housekeeping; \$2.75 a week; also one for \$2 a week.	
LA CLÉDE AV. 3553.—One nicely furnished front room; all conveniences; with or without board.	
OLIVE ST. 2128.—Furnished room; modern conveniences; with or without board.	
LA CLÉDE AV. 2511.—Nicely furnished second-story front room; southern exposure; gas, hot bath, furnace heat, with or without board.	
OCUST ST. 2818.—Gentleman wants room-mate; room; all conveniences; private family; \$2 per month.	
OLIVE ST. 3107.—Handsome unfurnished rooms; also rooms for light housekeeping.	
CHOUTEAU AV. 702.—Furnished room, suitable for one or two guests.	
CASS AV. 2818.—Front room, furnished complete for light housekeeping; \$2 per week.	
COOK AV. 3846.—Nicely furnished house; modern conveniences.	
CARL ST. 1800.—Nicely furnished front room; see door.	
CHOUTEAU AV. 1105.—Two connecting rooms, furnished for light housekeeping; water in kitchen; cooking stove; southern exposure.	
CARR ST. 1727.—Nicely furnished room, complete for housekeeping; laundry and all conveniences.	
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DO YOU WANT A BARGAIN?

we can sell any elegant 3- or 4-room residence on Bartons or near Union, at a price to be appreciated. Get keys and price.

Two 10-room modern residences on Elmwood av., 2d floor, 2 rooms, bath: table, arranged on the ground at less than cost of buildings.

Also have some extra bargains in flats on Elmwood, 2d floor, 2 rooms, bath: table, arranged on the ground at less than cost of buildings.

Some will make money to anyone picking them up.

DYAS REAL ESTATE CO. 107 N. Ninth st.

FLATS FOR RENT.

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REDUCED RENT.

CHOICE FLATS.

First floor: \$12; second floor, \$11. South side, Fairfax av., west of Whittier; Washington, 2d floor, large car line. We pay the water license.

ATLOR & HEMMELMANN, 808 Chestnut st.

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To any family renting one of the following flats within the next 10 days:

411 S. 23d st., 5 rooms, first floor.... \$15 00
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Each flat has bath, water, closet, good hall, etc. Landlord pays water license.

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DWELLINGS.

8047 Maple av., 9 rooms; all conveniences:.... 125 00
8048 Elm st., 8 rooms, all conveniences:.... 15 00
8049 Columbia, 2 rooms, bath: table.... 15 00
2622 N. 11th st., 6 rooms, water, gas.... 15 00
4814 Juniper st., 4 rooms, brick.... 10 00
411 S. 23d st., 4 rooms, brick.... 10 00
2110 Clark av., 3 rooms, large yard, etc. 16 00

FLATS.

9145 N. Compton av., 4-room flat; all conveniences:.... 16 00
4222 N. 11th st., 5 rooms, brick (for colored). 16 00
4233 Easton av., new 3-room flat; all conveniences:.... 16 00
1145 N. Sixteenth av., 3 rooms, water, gas.... 10 00
8670 North Grand, 2 rooms, first floor.... 10 00
1029 Clark av., 3 rooms, first floor.... 9 00
2102 S. 11th st., 3 rooms, first floor.... 9 00

FOR RENT.

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2225 Locust st., 8 rooms; all conveniences:.... 14 00
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NEW BUILDING LAWS READY.

DAREFULLY COMPILED AND COMPREHENSIVE IN CHARACTER.

QUIET WEEK IN REALTY.

Plenty of Money With No Borrowers—
The Torrens Law—Outlook
for 1897.

Three important meetings were held during the week by members of the Commission in charge of the revision of the St. Louis building laws. The Commission met Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings. There were present Messrs. Eames, McClure and Ittner, architects; Lloyd and Ittner of the Builders' Exchange and R. H. McMath of the Board of Fire Underwriters and J. Harry Randall, Commissioner of Public Building.

The meetings at which this commission have in hand are to be presented as soon as completed to the Charter Revision Commission, and by the latter will be referred with the other bills as part of the new charter which it is the purpose of the commission to put to a vote of the citizens.

The Building Code has gone

deeply into the work and when submitted

the new laws will be the most comprehen-

sive and at the same time the less bur-

denous in character.

The commission has surrounded the property owner with just and necessary restrictions

that will not interfere with his rights, at

the same time has added provisions that will

also afford protection to the property own-

er himself from dishonest builders and

contractors by forcing them to submit to

frequent inspection.

According to the new laws the Commis-

sioner of Public Building is made a mem-

ber, ex-officio, of the Board of Public Im-

portments, and is a member of the Building

Commission in charge of the revision of the

city with added power for their repair and

improvement.

All buildings belonging to the city and all

private schools of whatsoever character

must under the new laws be constructed in

an approved manner.

An architect, engineer or builder makes it compulsory to make all towers,

domes and steeples fire-proof no matter

what the height of the buildings of the first, second

or third class.

The law will divide buildings into three

classes. The first will include all build-

ings that are of absolutely fire-proof construction.

In this classification will be all of the

big and important buildings of the future.

The old laws had no provision for the buildings of either of these classes could be ad-

mitted to the law.

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MAKING TARGETS OF TURKEYS.

UNIQUE SHOOTING MATCH AT
VALLEY PARK.

IT WILL BE CHRISTMAS DAY.

Pay Your Money and Take a Shot at
a Live Bird, Which Is Yours
if You Hit.

It will be a little rough for the turkeys, but those who intend going to the turkey shoot at Valley Park on Christmas day expect to have a lively time of it and get targets enough to stock the larder until after New Year's day, has come and gone.

It will be rough on the turkeys because they will be required to serve as animated targets for all kinds of sportsmen armed with a large variety of firearms and deadly weapons. The shoot will take place on the trap shooting range where a number of St. Louis sportsmen assemble almost every Sunday to shoot clay pigeons or live birds as the case may be. This time, however, the turkey shoot will be a shot at for a nominal fee per shot. Each successful shot will put the shooter in possession of the turkey he shoots at.

As far as is allowed, if it is a rifle, the distance over which the shot must be made is several hundred yards. It will be about the distance between the two houses shortened so that it will not be beyond the range of the weapon.

The idea seems to be to put the bird as far from the marksman as possible without putting it entirely out of range.

Every time the marksman succeeds in driving a bullet into the unfortunate turkey it is dispatched forthwith and turned over to the man who hit it.

The style of shot is somewhat of a departure from the practice generally adopted in the country. In most places the turkey is the prize to be shot for, but not the mark to be hit. In this case, however, the target is a target is improvised of a piece of white paper with a cross in the middle of it. The constant shooting nearest the center of the cross will, it is believed, take it home for Christmas dinner. That style of turkey shooting is the prevailing one in the West, and it is the one which will be adopted in the proposed contest to be held at Valley Park.

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OVER THE TIMBER.

Sad Recollections Two People Have of
Old Freeland.

They are schooling Freeland over the time
over the fences and walls of stone.

My heart flamed up like a dying ember,
That burns in the darkness all alone."

Those four lines are as deeply engraved in
the minds of Al Spink and George Munson as
are their memories of their first long

hours Freeland could eat grass by the side
of the road and be happy while Munson and
Spink were still the children of the earth.

The vengeances of the gods upon the unappreciative
public which would not read Munson
and Spink and go to see the show. May I cold

bright morning Spink has said to Munson:

"George, can we make the next town by
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old Freeland can go the distance I guess I
can." Then they would pass the tip to the
next town and so on, and some scenery onto the good old horse
and go "schooling it over the timber" to the
next night, right.

On the farm where Freeland died is
a lonely heap of earth which covers what is
left of one of the noblest racers that ever
lived. The horse was a hundred years old
when he died, and turned over to the man who hit it.

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GOSSIP OF THE PRODUCE MEN.

DOWNTURN COURSE OF SOME PRODUCTS HAS BEEN STOPPED.

APPLES ARE BOBBING UP.

One New Woman Has Invaded Third Street to the Thermometer
Man's Discomfort.

The downward course of several of the leading products has at last been arrested. Even Mississippi is now shipping turkeys and chickens to the Louie. The cotton situation has been supplied by the farmers in their respective States with all the poultry, eggs, spring chickens and turkeys required, and as the market may be expended formerly is now kept at home.

The country order trade for oranges, lemons, nuts, bananas, pine apples, etc., has been very good the past week, and will continue so for a good many weeks. The Gulf states have been overtaxed, while the Scalzo Fruit Co. were hardly able to keep up with their order and local demands. John Scalzo, however, has been able to busy filling such orders for the country. The Barnhart Mercantile Co. has been quite busy, and the same line of business to show that there is still plenty of money in sight for luxuries around the holidays.

GLOVER DEAD BY HIS OWN HAND.

REVOLVER BULLET ENDED AN UNFORTUNATE'S TROUBLES.

HE COULD NOT GET WORK.

He Was a Member of a Noted St. Louis Family and Formerly in Business in This City.

Dependent because of failure in business, crushed by inability to obtain work, harassed by debt and utterly sick at heart, James M. Glover ended his troubled yesterday with a bullet in the brain. His wife found him sitting upright on a chair in the parlor, with a ghastly wound in his head and a revolver grasped in his hand. He was only 39 years old.

James M. Glover was a son of Simon T. Glover and a brother of ex-Representative John M. Glover. Three years ago he was in the grocery business at 515 Weller's.

At that time he married Miss Lorinda Doring. He failed and has been unable to start afresh in life. He has sought work constantly, but has not been successful.

When he shot himself he was living at 618A Ellis Avenue.

He had been as usual at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and when the meal was finished went into the parlor. His wife, who was attending to the laundry, heard him and a revolver grasped in his hand. He was only 39 years old.

Many similar examples could be cited to show that the number of suicides among known retail grocers went up into Missouri last year and bought and packed 2,000 barrels of apples, and like every man that year, was compelled to sell his barrels of the market afterwards being steadily upward.

This year he concluded to invest again and bring his barrels to market, but could not get \$1.25 a barrel six weeks ago. He refused it and stored them. He has been busily the past two weeks working them off at 50 cents a barrel.

Now, for the ago, the newspapers commented favorably on the report that 80,000 acres of land were purchased in Southwest Missouri by an English syndicate upon which to grow apples and other fruits for the English market.

It was generally conceded that this was the spot for big red apples, and every word of the statement was true, but the English syndicate could not make a purchase was contemplated and English immigrants were to be placed there to tend the various crops and condition of the State is capable of yielding, but the story might end.

No fruits will ever be grown in Missouri for the English market, and the fruit, if freely alone would prove fatal to the whole scheme.

The Cuban situation adds a drag to the market, and, taking it all together, while wheat is undoubtedly worth the present price, the "dollar wheat" still

is a look of a hunted man. His reply each time, unless otherwise quoted, is higher and more.

Mrs. Glover, with a prescience that something would happen, wrote a note to her mother, "I am going to commit suicide."

She intended to ask one of the neighbors to deliver it. When she reached the sidewalk she remembered that she had left the revolver in the parlor.

The revolver was found and she was dead.

She says that their domestic life has been tried for three years or more.

She says, "I am married life have been

disputed.

It may be urged that she is not familiar with the fact that California exports to England a variety of fruits—but no apples.

This is very true because the soil and climate in fact all conditions essential to success exist there notably the keeping qualities of the fruit, without which she could not successfully reach any distant market.

The marked difference between the price of apples to-day and those paid just a year ago were suggested very forcibly by a dealer yesterday who said: "Just a year ago we paid \$1.50 a barrel for a lot of Ben Davis apples and paid \$3.50 a barrel for them. They went out on my wagons and the boys cleared \$1 a barrel. Now, I can't get Ben Davis for 45 cents a barrel, profit after yelling all day over them."

There is no man better known to the fruit and produce trade than the quiet but persevering little man who has been selling them thermometers the past several years. He pace the crowded streets with the same frank and regularity of a "peeler." He disappears occasionally for months or two in the spring, but returns to the market to vindicate the local and Government authority—to show how much more reliable are his instruments.

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MINISTERS ON POOL SELLING.

THEY DEMAND THE SUPPRES-
SION OF BETTING ON RACES.

NO EXEMPTION FOR TRACKS.

The Legislature Should Pass a Drastic
Law Which Will Stand
the Test.

Ministers throughout the city are greatly chagrined over the outcome of the Supreme Court's decision in the Walsh case, by which the pool selling evil has been recognized. During the years that bet could be placed in St. Louis on any horse race in the United States, the evil of playing the races was the subject of many sermons. The preachers are not without material, for the newspapers contained items galore about young men who had become thieves or committed suicide on account of their losses in the alleys.

When the bill intended to close up the pool rooms was passed by the Legislature, the ministers were happy because they felt that they had had a hand in accomplishing a great moral victory. Their happiness lasted until last Tuesday, when the Supreme Court ordered the discharge of Bookbinder, who had been fined \$1,000 and sentenced to six months in the Workhouse by the Court of Criminal Correction, for the passage of a law that will be free from flaws.

John Sherwood, who wrote the opinion of the Supreme Court, said that the anti-pool room law was invalid because it declared betting, either on Missouri or foreign races, to be illegal, but did not do away with it anywhere outside the precincts of a track, but sanctioned betting at a race course. This was special legislation and therefore unconstitutional.

The ministers have been pondering over this piece of judicial wisdom and with one voice they call for a law that will not only prohibit betting on horse races outside of the tracks, but inside as well. They laugh, and with some reason, at the extreme mistake that the law has made, because the races and therefore betting should be permitted at the tracks in the State in order to give the State a revenue.

This pretense at protection of a horse industry does not go with the ministers, for they have heard that the bill that racism in St. Louis in the past has been a mere incident to the betting ring and tended to work the whole equine family to death.

For the moment, however, leaders of the city are talking there will be some stinging and pool room sermons heard in St. Louis in the next few weeks. The members of the pastorate will receive strongly worded memorials from the local divines. The editors of the denominational papers will be equally vocal in their protest against gambling and this week's editions will contain screaming appeals for an anti-pool room law that will stand the severest test.

A Post-Dispatch reporter called on a number of ministers to get their views of pool rooms and the Legislature's duty. The interviews follow:

Rev. P. G. Robert, rector of Holy Communion Episcopal Church: When the pool room bill was introduced into the Legislature it was pending as a bill before the Legislature. I was sent a copy of it by its author, who requested for an amendment. I answered that I was opposed to the measure because I could not see that gambling was not as bad at race tracks as in pool rooms. I cannot conceive that the Legislature could have reached in passing on the law. The only thing the Legislature can do is to make betting on races both at the tracks and in pool rooms a felony. Other forms of gambling are forbidden everywhere in the State, and draw the legislature's mind to it necessary to close up the pool rooms.

Rev. O. M. Stewart, President of the Methodist Church in the St. Louis district: Gambling is a social evil that threatens the State. It is extending into all lines of business and is destroying the moral fiber of the people. Pool rooms promote the gambling fever. In them are cultivated the germs that are carried by the bettors among the friends and into all their relations of life. Poolrooms are dens of iniquity, and betting on horses is one of the greatest evils of the day. The number of men who are demoralized by the race tracks and pool rooms is legion. If the law is permitted to continue, the rising generation will yield a new harvest of victims. Let us have a law that will prohibit betting at the Fair Grounds and all over in St. Louis and elsewhere in Missouri, as well as in all pool rooms. Only such a measure can stop the practice of playing the races.

Rev. G. A. Howman, pastor of Mt. Calvary Christian Church: I consider the pool room and the race track the two main moralizing influences at work in this city. A law should be enacted to suppress them. Rev. Carroll, rector of the Methodist Church Cathedral: That the poolroom is a great evil goes without saying. A law should be passed forbidding betting on races at all places and under all circumstances.

Rev. Dr. Jesse Bowman Young, editor of the Captain Christian Advocate, Methodist organ: Bummers! In recent days recognized more and more the dangers which threaten their employes from the gambling fever. The number of young men who have been induced to play with their funds and other people's money in betting houses are believed increasing. The heads of many banks and large business houses have intimated in unmistakable terms their policy in regard to those under their employ who are inclined to frequent race tracks, pool rooms, and other betting rooms.

Dr. Palmer, Southern Methodist: I hope the Missouri Legislature will pass a law against pool rooms that will conform to the Supreme Court's ideas of what such a law should be. The moral sentiment of the State is large brought to bear upon the General Assembly, and many other molochs will be driven from our midst.

Rev. Meade C. Williams, D. D., editor of the Mid-Continent Presbyterian: The Legislature should pass a law for the suppression of pool rooms that will not be made to conform to the Supreme Court. It should put an end to betting on the race tracks, as well as in the downtown pool rooms. The duty devolves upon the Legislature to pass a law that will be free from all objections.

Rev. Wm. H. Garrison, editor of the Christian Evangelical Advocate organ: Make it unlawful to play the races, the pool rooms as well as in the pool-rooms. The restriction of the tracks merely gave them a monopoly, and the law did not remove the temptation from young men. When the pool-rooms were closed the gamblers went to the race tracks. As only inveterate bettors visited the tracks, right citizens did not realize that the damage was greater than ever. Now is the time to eradicate the evil root and branch.

Church of the Messiah Song Service: A special musical service has been arranged for the Messiah for both morning and evening to-day. At morning service Mrs. George Lee Cunningham will sing the great aria "Hear Ye, Fair and Free" and Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Jessie Ringen will sing a duet. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Grandman, with organ accompaniment, by E. V. Vale Main.

The evening service will consist of an organ recital, beginning at 7:30, at which will be sung "I Will Sing of My God," "We Have a God," from the oratorio "Eli," by Costa; "The Fur Gloves," all prices, at M. J. Steinberg Hat and Fur Company.

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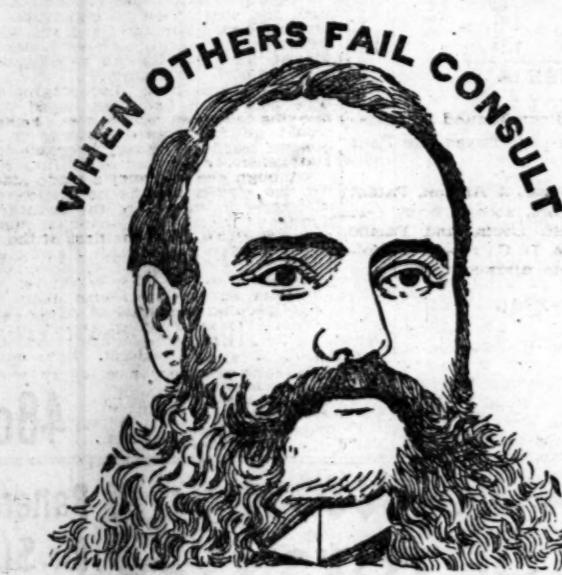
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A POPULAR NURSE.

Cared for the Gould Children and Had a Handsome Wedding.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 18.—The entire household of Mr. and Mrs. George Gould were present at the wedding in All Saints Episcopal Church of Miss Mary Holdecker, the nurse for the last eight years of Kingdon and Jay Gould, and Robert S. Bissell, Chief Engineer of Mr. Gould's yacht. The bride, however, was the daughter of Mr. Gould, who gave her away. She wore a costume of white satin, with a tulip veil, the gift of Mrs. Gould's mother, Mrs. King. Gould gave a wedding breakfast, and the bride was the recipient of many handsome presents, which included a good sized check from Mr. Gould.

THE COLLEGE BOYS

Of St. Louis and the great Southwest will please study the latest "Cheer" on the Want Page to-day and practice it at all times.

ALL SORTS OF MONEY.

Harry Armstrong Puts Up Fifty Thousand to Guarantee Appearance.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—Harry H. Armstrong, mining engineer, who has been indicted in Kings County, New York, on a charge of grand larceny, has agreed to return to New York without requisition papers, having deposited \$50,000 to guarantee his appearance when wanted. The amount is said to be the sum of \$100,000 or more. He says that the deal in which Thomas Taylor, of Midway, Pa., who came out of an indigo of \$45,000, to be held for trial, was swindled out of \$45,000, was neither legal and proper, and that Taylor is sure because he did not receive a sum as easily as he expected to do.

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Continuous Vaudeville, 12:30 to 10:30.

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ALICE SHAW and DAUGHTERS,
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CHAS. SWEET,
HEELEY and MARBA,
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COMMENCING MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

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A new play by Elvyn A. Barron, founded on George Eliot's novel.

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Wed. Night and Friday Mat. (Christmas).

ROMEO AND JULIET.

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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

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MONDAY NIGHT, DEC. 28,

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MUSIC HALL, DEC. 26, 1896.

Miss Helen Buckley of England, soprano; Miss Parcell, piano; C. C. C. Chicago, Alto.

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NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF St. Louis, Dec. 12th, 1896—ELECTION NOTICE:

The regular annual election of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of St. Louis, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 1896.

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A 10c Writing Paper and Envelopes,
A 10c Black Rubber Dressing Comb,
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A 12c Length Fancy Frilled Elastic,
A 12c pair Stockinet Dress Shields,
Three 12c Memo Books in case,
A 15c Imitation Tortoise Shell Tuck Comb,
A 15c pair Fancy Garter Clasps,
Choice of any in the lot

5c

A 12c Fancy Painted Darning Ball,
A 12c Bunch Fancy Novelty Braids,
A 15c Fancy Celluloid Photo Frame,
A 12c Ink Tablet,
12 Sharpened Slate Pencils,
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An 8c Linen Stamped Hemstitched Doily,
A 10c Fancy Crotonne, 32 inches wide,
A 10c Whisk Broom,
A Fine Imported 15c Tooth Brush,
A 10c Swiss Embroidered and Scalloped Handkerchief,
Choice of any in the lot for

7c

An 4-yard piece Velveteen Binding,
8 yards Black or Colored Ice Wool,
A 10c bottle Extra Quality Perfume,
A 25c 22-inch Taped Edge Lace Pillow Sham,
An 18c Bristle, Wood Back Cloth Brush,
Choice of any in the lot for

8c

A 12c Fancy Colored Silk Handkerchief,
scalloped and embroidered,
A 12c Double Damask Knotted Fringed Towel,
A 25c Head Rest, with Silk Tassels,
A 20c Hand Mirror of Glass,
A 15c Fancy Garter Clasps,
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9c

A 25c White Metal Puff Box,
A 10c pair Fancy Garters, with pretty
A 15c Corduroy Belt, latest design,
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An 8c Steel Blade Penknife,
A 15c fancy Whisk Broom in Holder,
A 15c all-lined Tabiclothes, 1/2 yard square,
with fancy red border,
A 25c 22-inch, fringed, colored center, linen
Sideboard Scarf,
Choice of any in the lot for

38c

An 8c Steel Blade Penknife,
A 15c Imitation Cut Glass Flower Vase,
A 15c Medallion Decorated Handkerchief
Box,
A pair 50c Steel Scissors, extra quality,
A 50c Fancy Handkerchief Box, with
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An 8c Black and White Brocaded Silk Muff,
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CUBA, FROM ITS DISCOVERY TO THE PRESENT TIME.

A Historical, Geographical and Statistical Review of
the Blood-Drenched Pearl of the
Antilles.

Although—and, possibly, because—Cuba is near our doors, information in regard to the Pearl of the Antilles is neither detailed nor accurate. The average general reader has formed his ideas of the island from the casual references of the daily press growing out of current events, or from the sketchy and misleading accounts of scribbling tourists bent on recounting their social experiences and amatory conquests rather than on giving a careful and adequate description of the people and country.

The purpose of this article is to give concisely and succinctly such information as will put the readers of the Sunday Post-Dispatch in a position to intelligently consider the causes of a war of insurrection that has been carried on with occasional intervals of truce for nearly a century, a war that seems practically endless, except by the intervention of a people of another race than the belligerents.

Cuba was discovered by Christopher Columbus on Oct. 28, 1492, sixteen days after he landed at San Salvador. The island was called Juana in honor of Prince Joan, son of Ferdinand and Isabella. After Ferdinand died, the island was called Fernando. Subsequently it was designated Santiago, for Spain's patron saint, and still later Ave Maria in honor of the Virgin. Cuba is the largest island in the West Indies, and at the time of its discovery, it clung to it in spite of the Spaniards, and only in very old books is it mentioned by any other appellations.

The natives were mild and hospitable and unversed in the art of war. They had no enemies, save the Indians, and no means of communication with neighboring islands and no wild beasts of sufficient strength to encourage the development of the primitive instincts of the aborigines. The products of the land and the sea were sufficient for all their wants and they led a simple, pastoral life, the men being busily employed in the aromatic groves, and the women as irresponsible. They worshipped a single deity, and in a state of semi-existence, but their god was not man, but the sun. They had few rites and ceremonies. It was an ideal home for the Spaniards. However, when the Spaniard, who had probably gold to wrest from the Indians, for many of the natives wore bracelets and rings, and gold to the extent of those flocks of the ocean, called mirages in these prosaic days, but then described as adventurers. In 1502, Columbus, a son of Christopher, fitted out an expedition of 300 men, under Don Juan de la Cosa, who had visited Cuba in 1493, for the purpose of being the colonialization of the island.

The first settlement was Baracoa, on the north coast, which was extremely exposed to the fury of the Atlantic. It was there that Pope Leo X, erected the first cathedral on the island. The Spaniards then began to settle Santiago and Trinidad. A year later he and his colonists from San Domingo planted a town called San Cristobal, now La Havana. It is now known as the pearl of the Antilles, having been transferred to the present capital, which was settled in 1519.

The Spaniards took a position of importance in the eyes of those flocks of the ocean, called mirages in these prosaic days, but then described as adventurers. In 1522, the Spaniards, under Don Alvaro de Bazan, sacked the town, then burned it. Fernandes de Soto, who afterwards became the first Minister of the Indies, Governor of Cuba, Spain, prided Havana as a person of Western Hemisphere, but in Cuba the word is applied indiscriminately to every person and every being that is not a Spaniard. The Spaniards also born there. A majority of the native Cubans are of mixed blood, Spanish and pure Caucasian lineage, the rest being of African and Indian blood. The Spaniard, who is gaily galling to their race, is to be classified as an inferior race. It is part of the Cuban's feel that they are pure of blood and their race is to be despised. They disguise their contempt for them.

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is seated itself in their slaves' descendants. That is to say, the Spaniard achieved distinction as one of the bravest and most efficient commanders of modern days.

The extent of the power wielded by the Captain-General of Cuba is illustrated by the following, which is a careful and exact translation of a royal decree of March 28,

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The ladies of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Exchange have issued invitations to two progressive eure parties which will be given by them at the West End Hotel Jan. 7 and 8. This will be a very select affair, as invitations are issued only to the management and prominent society women. The prices will be very handsome. It will be no doubt a very successful as well as fashionable function.

The marriage of Miss Neva Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, to Mr. William V. Eberly of Salt Lake City, will be celebrated Dec. 22 at the residence of the bride's parents on West Pine boulevard.

The ball which will be given Christmas night by Maj. Lawrence Butler, in compliment to his daughter, Miss Anna Butler, will be the swell society function of that evening.

Miss Martha Todd has issued cards for a dance on Friday evening, Dec. 21, in compliment to her guests, the Misses Biddle of Cleveland, O.

Misses Lucy and Sibyl Chisholm will give a ball at their suburban home, "Fair Oaks," during the Christmas season.

The young ladies of Ferguson will give a Leap Year dinner Monday after Christmas, which will be an up-to-date affair.

The young ladies desire to make the most of this last chance at Leap Year privileges.

Misses Anna and Mary Ferguson have issued invitations to a dance, which she will give Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at her residence, No. 80 North Garrison avenue, in compliment to Miss Anna Hall, who arrived last week from Virginia to visit Mrs. Adams and her mother, Mrs. N. C. Clalorne.

Christmas parties will be held as follows this week: Monday afternoon, by Miss Mary Lee of 356 West Bell place; Tuesday morning, by Mrs. Thomas K. McNeely; Wednesday afternoon, Tuesday afternoon, by Mrs. J. Hale, No. 2741 Dayton street; Wednesday morning, by Miss Anna and Mary Ferguson; Friday afternoon, and Saturday morning by Mrs. Maria L. Johnson at the Southern Hotel, at which time from 1 to 6 o'clock the Chisholm will go to reception to Mrs. Sulli Marlowe-Taylor. This will be a very delightful affair, since all of the Chisholm club in the city, embracing some 200 members, will be present and take part in the reception to the distinguished actress. Mrs. Johnson will be assisted in the duties of the party by Mrs. James Sculkin and Mrs. Anna M. Wade.

Cards of invitation have been received here in the marriage of Miss Julia G. Scott, daughter of Mr. Matthew Scott and niece of Mrs. Adal Stevenson, to Mr. Carl Vrooman of this city. The ceremony will be celebrated at Hotel New York, Dec. 29, Washington, D. C., the brother of the bridegroom, the Rev. Frank Vrooman, officiating. The bride will leave away by her uncle, W. Franklin Stevenson.

The young lady is the granddaughter of the late Dr. Green, a distinguished Presbyterian minister, who was a student of Center College at Danville, Ky., at the time of his death. His daughter, Miss Julia Scott, daughter of Mr. Vrooman, a friend was famous for her beauty as the time of her marriage to Mr. Matthew Scott, and her wedding was one of the brilliant events of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott lived in Illinois after their marriage, and until Mr. Scott's death.

Miss Scott is said to be as beautiful and accomplished as her mother. She is a graduate of Hampton College, and has spent much time with the Vice President's family in Europe. Her frank and gracious manners have won her much admiration.

Not the least interesting of the Christmas day entertainments will be that at the Bethel Christmas morning, which Mr. and Mrs. Gerrel H. Ten Broek are busy making ready for the young people. This will be a class of over 100 poor children, whom she is intent upon making happy that one day at least. Miss Mary McCreary has promised to send an immense amount of goods from one of the public schools' kindergarten rooms, already trimmed, and fresh toys which have been given to her by the children for the children by the teachers of the Bethel. There will be stockings and bags filled with nuts and candies, one for each child. Then, after their own exercises, there will be a concert, in which Mr. Lieber, pianist; Miss Fannie Stickney, violinist; Miss Anna Bond, a solo and a doll club, and others will take part, after which there will be a beautiful surprise for the children.

The young people will be present for the event to which they are looking forward, or by donations to the tree, or by personally taking part in the work.

The Kirkwoodians are preparing for a charming entertainment Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, the chief feature of which will be the big band concert "Joy to the World in Liverty," which will be a care more than ordinarily clever. Mr. Ned Hazard, one of the most brilliant young tenors, whose tour brought out by the McCullough Club in the halcyon days gone by, many of whom have since won a place in the leading of famous orchestras, will be a feature of the concert.

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Theater managers always make an effort to provide good attractions for the holiday season. They have succeeded this year in a gratifying degree. With the Tabers at the Olympic in a repertoire of Shakespearean plays and one new drama; the English comedian, John Hare, at the Century, in a repertoire, and Rhea at the Fourteenth Street Theater, in a new comedy, the patrons of the high-class houses have plenty to choose from. The cheaper houses have also spread themselves. The Standard will have the Twentieth Century Mails, who created a furor here last season; the Hagan will have Johnstone Bennett and other high-class vaudeville attractions; Hopkins' Grand will have an excellent continuous program; and Hawley will have "The Great Train Robbery." There is a list hard to beat; and the showmen expect to do well this week.

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A good set of professional courtesy occurred recently regarding the production of Victor Hugo's opera, "The Wreath of the town constable, Miss Annie Laughing.

"Wreath" in Vienna this fall. The first in success to be given in America, was given by an American composer being presented into German for presentation in a foreign country. It has been watched by all the world, and given great interest and considerable doubt. The temerity in choosing for that production the city which is the home of the greatest triumphs of Rossini, Suppe and Millococker was looked upon as more than daring. The fact that it has now been given in Vienna, during the artistic season, there is pleasantly emphasized by a despatch of congratulation from Johann Strauss to his American contemporary, Victor Hugo, congratulating him made by his opera, and prophesying that it is the first of what undoubtedly be a long series of similar successes.

Cap. Geo. S. McGraw will give a Christmas eve party at the Hagan, where the members of his company will see Johnstone Bennett and S. Miller, Kent and the other stars of the Standard. The party will be in full uniform.

The Princeton Grove Banjo and Mandolin Club, announced to appear at Entertainment Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 21, are always welcome in St. Louis and their concerts have been enjoyed by all local college men irrespective of their alma mater. On that evening the train will run the entire route with a train of four private coaches and two Pullmans. The fact that Lewis Knapp is to be a guest, and Dr. H. N. Spokes of St. Louis, are members of the Banjo Club renders the visit of much interest.

But one other college club concert is to be given during the Christmas holidays.

Sunday matinee, Dec. 27, "The Side-walks of New York" will be seen at Hagan's.

W. Roland Gerak, a St. Louis boy, while studying in Denver at the Scott Sexton College of Oratory, met Mile Rhea. He recited for her and she was impressed by that she offered him an engagement for her to appear at the Hagan, Nov. 20, in "Holland, O." He made his debut in the role of Don Pedro in "Much Ado About Nothing," and was engaged for the present

count of death in the family. Will open in three days.

Whenever a theater is reported to be in financial difficulty, a class of management is hinted at, Charles Frohman is straightway mentioned as the next lessee. So it is with the Standard. Rumor has it that Mr. Frohman is the one who is to be almost convinced that he could stay in this city for half of the theatrical season. Now that he is here his first engagement will be with New York. He formerly visited the Star, where the popularity of the opening and success was unfeignedly recognized. As the theater graduated, he would become apparent to the close observer that almost every one in the house knew many others gathered in the same place. As Svengali, his performance will be watched with no less interest than that of any other of the women there. There was a great to-do of nodding and smiling as wraps were removed. These second and third nights will be the first to play houses, and one of them will be even of frequent visitors to play-houses, and when one of them was seated in a box there was invariably

THE METROPOLITAN STAGE.

Salvini's Death Recalls His Popularity in the Metropolis.

Special Correspondence of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Alexander Salvini, whose death has just been announced at his father's house in Florence, Italy, was always sure of a cordial greeting when he produced a new play or appeared in a new one. The last one he gave was "The Star," and he was almost convinced that he could stay in this city for half of the theatrical season. Now that he is here his first engagement will be with New York. He formerly visited the Star, where the popularity of the opening and success was unfeignedly recognized. As the theater graduated, he would become apparent to the close observer that almost every one in the house knew many others gathered in the same place. As Svengali, his performance will be watched with no less interest than that of any other of the women there. There was a great to-do of nodding and smiling as wraps were removed. These second and third nights will be the first to play houses, and one of them will be even of frequent visitors to play-houses, and when one of them was seated in a box there was invariably

the cigarettes on the stage and now pur- cians or pipes. "I didn't see the villain," adds Mr. Huntington, "to find out that the cigarettes killed quicker than the hero."

"A Daughter of the Testaments," "Under Suspicion" and "Annie Laurie" are the titles of three new productions. Wm. A. Corbett, who will make after the holidays, is to be engaged to couple my name with the Standard."

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A MAN WITH A PETRIFIED FOOT.

IT GIVES HIM NO PAIN AND COMES IN HANDY AS A WHET-STONE.

Here is a man with a petrified foot. Talk about cold feet; ouch! It gives one the shivers to think of that perennially cold pedic extremity nestling against the small of his back when snow is on the ground. His wife would have a kick coming, if not good grounds for divorce, only he has no wife.

His name is Bill Merkle, and he lives in the mountains of Texas. A party of hunters from El Paso discovered him. When they got back to town, they told the story.

It is said he never had a bone broken by one of the party backed it up by showing the little toe of the stone foot. It had apparently been broken on some lime before, and Merkle had it to one of his guests as a souvenir of the visit.

Merkle was a cowboy for the days when the cowboy was the height of glory.

He has lived in the hills for twenty-five years. It was about 1870 that the accident happened. He had been riding with the ultimate possessor of the quiet stone foot in the world, which is attached to a live leg.

He was rounding up a big lot of cattle, when they stampeded. In trying to get out of the way, his horse slipped and he was thrown, hitting the ground in the teeth of the maddened cattle. He escaped being trampled into a shapeless mass in a moment.

The probable reason is that his body was so far from the knee, that the cattle, in their frantic efforts to get away, did not best they knew how by him in the way of splints and bandages.

At first the man's knee was very rapid, but below the fracture the flesh seemed to be undergoing a remarkable change in color and texture. In a few weeks the bandages were removed. The bones had not healed, but the lower part of the leg show unmistakable symptoms of having undergone a hardening process which could not be explained.

As time went on the foot continued to harden, until the entire foot and the toe below the knee were completely petrified, although remaining joined to the live flesh.

Merkle declares there is no pain anywhere, and that the officials have been vigorously pushing him to get his leg amputated. The agent is seen in Hemphill. They are anxious to have a vigorous law-enforcing constabulary before they have a chance to show themselves.

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LOTS OF MONEY IN THE HOBO.

HOW LONG-HEADED LONG ISLAND CONSTABLES GAINED RICHES OFF TRAMPS.

The footpad who would hold up a tramp would be wasting his time and taking big chances with little prospect of gain. The time as a money producer is not a wise one. There is an old saying that if you scratch a beggar you will be rewarded by finding a minute insect which it is not considered delicate to mention.

But the tramp may be made a source of income. This discovery has been made by sundry constables and deputy sheriffs of Hemphill, L. I. These ingenious officials have found a way not only of living off the genus tramp, but of making handsome livings at that. Some of them, it is said, have been making from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year, and even more, off the hoboes.

This state of affairs came to light owing to a protest of the constables of Hemphill and other Long Island towns against the existing of sundry constable bills which claimed that in that year it had cost them \$30,000 to enforce the laws against tramps and vagrants, and that they are willing to let the law go unenforced under present conditions.

The law provides that tramps be committed to the Kings' County Penitentiary. Tramps were defined as those having no homes. Vagrants were to be committed to the county, but who, by misfortune or improvidence, had no home. When it was discovered that the Hoboes were vagrants, the vagrants to jail than all the other towns in the county put together, while cost bills went over without touching him.

After the Hoboes had been committed to him, he expected to find his man-made corpse. They were surprised to find him perfect, except for a compound fracture of the leg just below the knee, the bones being broken. They were far away from a town or surgical aid, and as the constable arrived, he said, "I did not know best they knew how by him in the way of splints and bandages."

Constables and Deputy Sheriffs get 75 cents for each tramp 10 cents a mile for escorting them to the penitentiary.

They also receive 25 cents for entertaining a constable and 25 cents for taking each tramp to court. The fees range from \$3.00 to \$4.50 for committals, and the Sheriff is taken care of in a board bill of \$2 per month.

On the whole, he cost from \$6.75 to \$10.00 each tramp or vagrant convicted, besides the board bill while he was serving his sentence.

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FROM PRINCE TO NEWSBOY.

A GERMAN NOBLE OF ANCIENT LINEAGE WHO SELLS PAPERS ON THE STREETS.

Prince Richard von Sydow has helped make history for Germany.

And to-day he earns his daily bread by selling the daily papers on the streets of Chicago, aided by occasional checks from his wealthy and aristocratic relatives in the Fatherland.

Von Sydow is a philological degenerate.

He was born in 1834 in Stolp, Prussia, and his father was a prince of the empire.

One of the aristocratic families afterward absorbed by the German Empire.

As soon as his "prey" schooling was com-

pleted he entered the army, and soon rose to the position of first lieutenant of the Blucher Hussars.

The way it came about was this. Every-

body knows that in those days the plains

and prairies were littered with the bones of buffaloes.

They were being hunted ruthlessly and to

the extinction of the species on the con-

tinent. The skin was all the hunters

THE CHAMPION BONE COLLECTOR.

EVERYBODY THOUGHT JIM KILFOILE WAS CRAZY, BUT HE MADE A FORTUNE.

This is a story of the days preceding the building of the Texas Pan-Handle Railroads and of a fortune made out of bones.

Jim Kilfoile was a character well known throughout the Pan-Handle. He belonged to that large class of men known as freethinkers, who found their occupations gone when the iron horse came along. He freighted from Fort Worth and Sherman out to Mobeetie.

That was in the early '80s, and then it was that Kilfoile acquired the names of "Crazy Jim," "Bony Jim," "Bones" and other sobriquets, bestowed on him by the border

men.

It was the Nez Perce of course. Near

Montana, in the heart of the enemy's ter-

ritory, was the turkey farm of Joseph

Huckles of Picasaway. For long

it had been a sport to shoot at the sport-

man, a tramp master, by the multitude of turkeys that have disappeared and

A NEW DANGER FOR THE HOBO.

THE FIERY UNTAMED TURKEY ARISES TO DEFEND HIS MASTER'S HOME.

Accustomed to the perils of shot-guns, watch-dogs and home-made pikes, the vast

Brotherhood of Journeymen Roadsters

learned to scorn all danger. Even labor,

which is said to conquer all things, found

them invincible, and they toiled onward

that they might not toll, fearful only of

life where there is no soap.

But now—added to the perils of all the

waters under the earth—a new danger has

come to menace the Hobo; a danger the more fearful because unexpected; a thunder-

bolts out of a clear sky.

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THE NEW WOMAN IN OLD LUNNON.

WHAT CHRISTMAS IS TO THE RICH AND TO THE POOR.

How the Day Will Be Observed in the Fashionable West End, in the Tenements and Down on the Levee.

Christmas, the time of good cheer; Christmas, the time of good will, the season of peace, the children's festival, is approaching.

Everybody who ever looks forward to anything looks forward to that day, above all others, with a feeling of expectancy. Wherever the influence of Christianity is felt the Christmas tide is welcome, and he is lowly indeed who does not thrill with a feeling of delight, however vague, as the happy holiday season draws near.

Everybody observes it. No home is so humble that its influence is not felt. If there be an absence of feasting there is at least the pleasure of retrospection, marred only by conditions that invite contrast with "the days that are no more."

Private families, holiday parties, gatherings of relatives and other groups of happy individuals partake of the best in the land, either at home or some luxurious hotel, where liveried servants are in constant attendance. Wine flows, hearts are joyous and Christmas is a time of mirth.

In the humbler portions of the city, where the cruel sting of poverty is felt, Christmas is often a time of sadness, for there is little to prospect to delight either the eye or the soul of man. Misfortunes, crowding close upon one another, numb the sensibilities and embitter the heart. Yet about the day there is something so softening and soulful, so happy and hilarious that even the most unfortunate must find it.

On all sides there are contrasts, but the extremes are probably met in the Levee district, in the poorer tenements and in society. These contrasts may be edifying, but are they encouraging? Here are the impressions of a Post-Dispatch observer:

IN SOCIETY.
Laughter and mirth in the mirth
Of children, mother, sire;
Laughter and music and the birth
Of every sweet desire
Are the chief thing of worth
And gives it zest and fire.
Folly doth never tire;
But oh, of kindness what a dearth!

Christmas in society.
What a contrast! On one hand wealth,
luxury and refinement; on the other poverty,
ignorance and crime.

Holy and mistletoe gleams in the merry
brightly lighted houses, scenes en-
wrapped in a blaze of glory. Outside are
the pall and gloom of winter. Inside are
the warmth and cheer and all that tends to
make life pleasant. Luxurious parlors are festooned with ever-
green and around the Christmas tree in

IN THE TENEMENTS.
The cries of children and the tears
Which honest eyes must shed.
When, after sternness and fears
The heart is laid bare.
The moanings beat upon the ears
Of children seldom fed.
When dull and drunken feet
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Christmas in the tenements.
A scene of poverty, but enlivened by
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CHRISTMAS DINNER IN THE WEST END.

The center of the room are gathered children who have never been taught and who do not know that there is poverty and misery in the world. Their happy faces are lighted up with the smile of childhood rapture, while the tree, dispensing gifts with a lavish hand.

There, too, are happy parents, who, regardless of the joy of childhood, find double pleasure in seeing their children double pleasure and making merry on what is to them the night of nights.

The young children of the household return home for the annual reunion, bringing with them husbands and wives and offspring, well dressed and gay, around the festive board. Laughter and mirth of mirth from the children and fond, admiring glances from the parents, intermingling with the lights and the music and the noise of feasting.

Laughter and mirth, and the mirth of a scene of human enjoyment such as can be witnessed only in households where purity reigns. Love is the predominant spirit and the commanding bond of love, parental and filial, is everywhere in evidence.

It is a time when the childish heart is moved to its uttermost depths by contemplation of joys that will float back in after years in the plenitude of happy memory, bringing with them the sense of security, earthly considerations can equal, though at present they have no thought for the future.

It is a time when the parental heart realizes that it is growing old, and more than ever it tries to appreciate the Laughter and mirth and the birth of every sweet desire.

That makes this life a thing of worth And gives it zest and fire.

It is a deep-seated joy—as deep as the seat of human emotion—but altogether selfish, as thought for the suffering ones of earth, and while they are feasting the unfortunate are

It is the old, old story of human nature, ever selfish, in the main, and inconsiderate of the wants of others.

Such is Christmas in society.

CHRISTMAS HINTS.

Written for the Sunday Post-Dispatch. Christmas comes, with all its joys, bringing so much fun and mirth; see the children at their play—Grown-ups, too, let us say. We can learn a little from them. From the children, in their glee; They are free from care and strife, And have not taught them wrongs or guile—Let us do like them awhile.

Put away all thoughts of care, And with Christmas joy and care, Trust to Him who doth well—

On this day so clear and bright, Are there none within the fold? Help the needy; it is right.

Bring them into warmth and light,

Make their hopeless hearts all bright.

Though our worldly share be small, We can share our little all; Help the poor, the widow, the poor, Give to the hungry at our door,

Give a tiny gift, or book— And give a smile, and a look—

Give a bit of Christmas cheer— Will help a poor heart, sad and drear;

Make this day each heart so glad,

Christmas leaves not sight so sad.

But how gay so clear and free,

And with that hope the year begin.

With faith to fill each heart within,

That there are brighter days to come.

Still more miserably poor, realizing their

ability to cope with the world and care for the coming year, and the world is grieved at the sight of their suffering children.

When after bitterness and fears,

When life is labor, wed,

The scenes of joy are upon us all.

Lightning Not Necessarily Fatal.

Prof. Oliver Lodge of London writes to

warn the public against the notion that a

lightning stroke is necessarily fatal.

It rarely destroys them. If respiration will

artificially be maintained for a sufficient time

the heart will resume its suspended action.

If the heart is struck, the man will recover.

The Professor

and the practitioner of this is never

until the well-known method of resuscitation from drowning has been practiced upon

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Experience has justified this in America and in France, where it has

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"Old John" is the Solomon of his family. He does not speak the language of the country, but like wise men, he shows his greatness by acts instead of words. For twenty-eight years old John has been in the service of the Hydraulic Press Brick Co., a huge corporation that has carried the name of Louis to the land's end. All the sentiment upon the face of the country is expended upon old John.

He is too far advanced in life to work any longer, and so, on discharge, he has received a home and a pension for life and is the object of many kindnesses at the hands of the company and the public.

Old John is a citizen of Missouri, or director of the corporation which he has served so faithfully, solely because he is not a member of the company.

If Pythagoras, the ancient Greek philosopher who taught that the soul of man passed at death into the body of another, had been applied to old John, he would have thanked all the gods for giving him so much to live for. But John, though he was not the object of many kindnesses at the hands of the company, had a home and a pension.

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A PRISON CHRISTMAS TOKEN.

It Was Only a Rose, but It Changed a Convict's Nature.

One day, late in the summer, a group of five or six people had passed through the dark and gloomy State prison as sight-seers.

Among them was a maiden in whose hands was a rose—a red rose, the color of the blood.

She was walking over the thick high wall near the entrance gate. There had been hundreds of roses on that vine, but she had plucked one.

She carried nothing for it as she walked down and down and twirled it in her faint fingers.

She saw a man in a cell, a man who sulked and glowered and turned away from her. She saw the convicts in stories who sulked and glowered and turned away from her. She saw the convicts in stories who sulked and glowered and turned away from her.

Summer passed to autumn and autumn to winter, and as Christmas drew near the men began to prepare for the festivities at the prison.

At the far end of the corridor, where the convicts were gathered, a man was sitting alone, a man who sulked and glowered and turned away from her.

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denly decided to make the best of the situation. A third added that he might be planning an escape and advised that his cell be searched. "What will you do?" he asked. "I have nothing to deserve this." "You have nothing to deserve this," he said, and nickname him "The Chaplain." And as the man changed mentally there came a physical change as well. He grew thin and his hands which plucked and gave it to him.

"And he loved it and his heart was made tender, and it is his Christmas gift—a dead rose in a dead man's fingers."

A. B. LEWIS.

A CLINCHER.

From Judge.

Mrs. Cobwiger: You are to ask only one question the whole evening.

Fredie: Then, ma, Santa Claus really brings the presents, why, and I not to look out of the window if an express wagon drives up to the door?

WILLIE'S SCHEME.

"Oh, I won't waste no time this year. T' hang my stock fer Chris'mus cheer. Fur Geel I'm too much up t' snuff hang a stockin' ain't big enough!

Yon bet I am. T' hang a stockin' is big enough!

An' out' all things bright an' new. Gots lots o' sens in this small pate."

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